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Amendment to the rules of procedure of the United Nations Appeals Tribunal

Report of the Secretary-General

1. By its resolution 63/253, the General Assembly adopted the statutes of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal and the United Nations Appeals Tribunal. In paragraph 29 of the resolution, the Assembly, noting article 7, paragraph 1, of the statute of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal and article 6, paragraph 1, of the statute of the United Nations Appeals Tribunal, requested the Secretary-General to submit, for its approval, the rules of procedure of the Tribunals as soon as possible but no later than at its sixty-fourth session. The Assembly also decided that, until such time as it adopted the rules of procedure, the Tribunals could apply them on a provisional basis.

2. On 26 June 2009, the judges of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal and the United Nations Appeals Tribunal established their respective rules of procedure. The General Assembly approved those rules of procedure by its resolution 64/119.

3. On 16 February 2015, in accordance with article 32, paragraph 1, of its rules of procedure, the United Nations Appeals Tribunal adopted an amendment to article 8 (Appeals), paragraph 6, of its rules of procedure (see annex).

4. The rule, as amended, applies provisionally until approved by the General Assembly in accordance with article 32, paragraph 2, of the rules of procedure of the United Nations Appeals Tribunal.

Action to be taken by the General Assembly

5. The General Assembly is requested to approve the proposed amendment to the rules of procedure of the United Nations Appeals Tribunal.

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Annex

Rules of procedure of the United Nations Appeals Tribunal: amendment to article 8 (Appeals), paragraph 6, adopted by the Tribunal in plenary meeting on 16 February 2015, in accordance with article 32, paragraph 1

Article 8 (Appeals)

1. Article 8 (Appeals), paragraph 6, of the rules of procedure of the United Nations Appeals Tribunal, as approved by the General Assembly, reads as follows:

> 6. The filing of an appeal shall suspend the execution of the judgement contested.

2. The United Nations Appeals Tribunal, by its decision of 16 February 2015, decided to amend article 8, paragraph 6, by inserting the words "or order" after the word "judgement".

3. Consequently, the amended version of article 8, paragraph 6, for which the approval of the General Assembly is sought, reads as follows:

> 6. The filing of an appeal shall suspend the execution of the judgement or order contested.